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1. In the opinion of officials of the East German Foreign Ministry reunification is now impossible. They expect the Iron Curtain to become increasingly tight. While the Berlin sector controls have been relaxed somewhat in the last few days, they are likely to become more strict and effective within a very short time. 25X1
2. These officials feel that the Soviets are likely to propose the establishment of all four sectors of Berlin into a free state patterned after the former status of Danzig. The East German ministries and agencies would then probably move to Leipzig.¹
3. Deputy Premier Otto Maschke did not return with the East German delegation from the Moscow conference and is still in Moscow. His long absence, it is felt, may be connected with the Soviet proposal on Berlin. It is speculated that he is to become the East German representative to the Free State once it has been established.²

Comments:

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1. A branch of the Press Office was opened in Leipzig some months ago. This may be taken as a possible indication of preparations by the East German government to move other agencies to that city.
2. The above conjectures reflect only a feeling prevalent among Foreign Ministry officials and are not based on fact.

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